Department and the officer has been asked to pay particular attention to get the estimates ready in time. The Irrigation Engineer is George Attokkaran.

Expenses under Irrigation.

237. Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what was the total amount spent by the Government annually under the head irrigation to help paddy cultivation in the whole State during the last 10 years; or (if that is too laborious a task) in the last quinquennium;

(2) how much of it was spent in each taluk;

(3) what is the assessment per acre of the land so helped with irrigation facilities;

(4) what is the total outlay on the Chittur irrigation works;

(5) what is the total cost of the Karuvannur bund construction; maintenance and reconstruction from its starting up to the present year;

(6) what is the extent of land protected and irrigated by the Karuvannur bund construction work;

(7) what was the cost of acquisition of land required for the construction, reconstruction and maintenance of the bund;

(8) what is the assessment per acre of the land protected by the Karuvannur bund?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— (1) and (2) The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 529 of the Meenam sitting of the Legislative Session of 1104.

(3) The assessment varies from Rs. 2-8-0 to Rs. 11-4-0.

(4) It is very difficult to gather the required information as the works have been in existence for a very long time.

(5) The outlay from 1091 to 1103 is about Rs. 92,806.

(6) 2235·36 acres.

(7) It is not possible to furnish a correct answer to the question as the references lie in a number of files spread over a large period.

(8) The assessment varies from Rs. 3-8-0 to Rs. 6-8-0 per acre.

238. Mr. K. T. Mathew.— Will the Government be pleased to mention:—

(a) the name of the officer in charge of irrigation work in the State;

(b) the total amount annually budgetted in the last 7 years for irrigation work;

(c) the amount actually spent yearly in the period referred to above, giving separately the amount lapsed annually;

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(d) how many petitions were received by the Government and the officer or the officers in charge of irrigation works annually from 1101 to 1104 (end of Edavam) requesting to undertake irrigation works, giving the names of the petitioners and their villages ;

(e) of these what are the items of work (1) completed, (2) not completed but undertaken, (3) not undertaken but sanctioned by the Government (4) not sanctioned by the Government but investigated by the Irrigation Officer or Officers and (5) pending investigation ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The irrigation work in the State is carried on: (1) under the control and direction of the Chief Engineer. He is helped by the Divisional Officers for all maintenance, repairs and a percentage of original works which are done every year.

(2) A special Assistant Engineer for Irrigation and his staff are devoting their entire time to the investigation of irrigation schemes. Minor irrigation works are attended to by the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats.

(b) and (c) The Member is referred to the answers to question No. 236.

(d) It is not possible to say.

(e) No answer in view of answer to sub-division (d).

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the difficulty in stating the petitions received ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The difficulty is many petitions were received and they were either recorded or otherwise disposed of. We cannot possibly take all those petitions.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is there any record in the office ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Once they are disposed of they will be destroyed or otherwise disposed of. We cannot trace all.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is there no record in the office to show how petitions have been disposed of ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Those in the current register we may have. But in the case of those that are disposed of there is no use to keep the petitions.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Those works mentioned in the petitions Government can find out from the accounts.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No. Not from the accounts because those works would not have been carried out though accounts of these works exist.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is not the Government in a position just to look into the list of works and say such and such works have been carried out and such and such not carried out ?

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Mr. V K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I shall try.

Typist and Typewriters in Government offices.

239. Mr. K. T. Mathew.— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many typewriting machines there are in the Government offices ;

(b) how many machines were purchased in (1) 1102 (2) 1103 and (3) 1104;

(c) how many typists were entertained in service in the years referred to above giving the names of the Departments in which they were entertained, of the officers in charge of the Departments and of the candidates so appointed ;

(d) of the total number of candidates appointed in the years referred to above, how many were caste-Hindus, non-caste Hindus, Christians, Jews and Muslims ;

(e) how many unqualified and qualified typists there are in each Department?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) 115 including those used in the technical classes of High Schools and in the Trade Schools.

(b)	1102	6
	1103	5
	1104	16

(c) and (e) The information collected is appended. (*Vide Appendix VIII.*)

(d)	Caste-Hindus	16
	Non-caste Hindus	....
	Christians	1
	Jews	...
	Muslims	...

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Have not the Government issued an order to Heads of Departments, if I have understood correctly, to give representation to unrepresented classes when they take new recruits into the Government service?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, as far as possible.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the reason that some of the classes of people have not been given appointments in the service in spite of the circular?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Is the Hon'ble Member sure that there were applications and they were refused?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—It is for the Government to say that they have not received applications or notice.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I have received applications. They were not qualified.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—How many applications?

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